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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the United Nations Forum on Forests shall elect, from among the

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representatives of its members, a Chairperson and such other officers as may be required (see E/5975/Rev.1). According to Council resolution 2000/35 of 18 October 2000 establishing the Forum, the Bureau shall consist of a Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons, one of whom shall also act as the Rapporteur, in accordance with the principle of equitable geographical distribution.

On 14 May 2004, at the first meeting of its fifth session, the Forum elected Manuel Rodríguez-Becerra (Colombia), Denys Gauer (France), Adam Craciunescu (Romania) and Francis K. Butagira (Uganda) as members of the Bureau for the fifth session of the Forum. It postponed the election of the Chairperson and one Vice-Chairperson from an Asian State, as well as the Rapporteur, to the later meeting.

On 25 January 2005, on behalf of the Eastern European States, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations informed the Secretariat that it had nominated Vasile Lupu (Romania) to replace Adam Craciunescu as Vice-Chairperson in the Bureau.

Accordingly, the Forum may wish to elect the nominated Chairperson, Manuel Rodríguez-Becerra (Colombia), the Vice-Chairperson nominated from an Asian State, Rezlan Ishar Jenie (Indonesia), and the new Vice-Chairperson nominated from an Eastern European State, Vasile Lupu (Romania), replacing Adam Craciunescu, as well as the Rapporteur for the fifth session of the Forum.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Forum shall, at the beginning of the session, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

Documentation

Provisional agenda (E/CN.18/2005/1)

3. Status of the Forum secretariat

The Forum will have before it for its consideration a note by the Secretariat on the status of the Forum secretariat including its activities, staff and budget.

4. Review of progress and consideration of future actions

In accordance with its multi-year programme of work (see Forum resolution 1/1,[1] the Forum at its fifth session will undertake a review of progress and consideration of future actions. The Forum will have before it for its consideration the report of the Secretary-General on this agenda item.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of progress and consideration of future actions (E/CN.18/2005/__)

[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2001, Supplement No. 22* (E/2001/42/Rev.1), part two, chap. I, sect. B.

5. Review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests, as referred to in paragraph 17 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35

In accordance with its multi-year programme of work, the Forum at its fifth session will review the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests, as referred to in paragraph 17 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35. The Forum will have before it for its consideration the report of the Secretary-General on this agenda item.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests (E/CN.18/2005/__)

6. On the basis of the assessment referred to in paragraph 2 (e) of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35, consideration of the parameters of a mandate for developing a legal framework on all types of forests, with a view to recommending them to the Council and through it to the General Assembly

In accordance with its multi-year programme of work, the Forum at its fifth session will, on the basis of the assessment referred to in paragraph 2 (e) of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35, consider the parameters of a mandate for developing a legal framework on all types of forests, with a view to recommending them to the Council and through it to the General Assembly.

In conformity with Economic and Social Council decision 2003/299 of 25 July 2003, the Ad Hoc Expert Group on Consideration with a View to Recommending the Parameters of a Mandate for Developing a Legal Framework on All Types of Forests met from 7 to 10 September 2004 in New York. Pursuant to the decision of the Council, the Ad Hoc Expert Group will submit its report on the meeting to the Forum at its fifth session. The Forum will have before it for its consideration the reports of the Secretary-General and the Ad Hoc Expert Group on this agenda item.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the consideration of the parameters of a mandate for developing a legal framework on all types of forests, with a view to recommending them to the Economic and Social Council and through it to the General Assembly (E/CN.18/2005/__)

Report of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Expert Group on Consideration with a View to Recommending the Parameters of a Mandate for Developing a Legal Framework on All Types of Forests, New York, 7-10 September 2004 (E/CN.18/2005/2)

7. Enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination

At its first session in 2001, the Forum decided to develop and maintain contacts, cooperate, and make active efforts to develop synergies with the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, the Commission on Sustainable Development and other functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, as well as other relevant international and regional processes and organizations, institutions and instruments. The Forum will have before it for its consideration the note by the Secretariat on this agenda item and the Collaborative Partnership on Forests Framework 2005.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination (E/CN.18/2005/__)

Collaborative Partnership on Forests Framework 2005 (E/CN.18/2005/INF/1)

8. Multi-stakeholder dialogue

At its first session in 2001, the Forum had noted the value of multi-stakeholder dialogues in advancing the work of the Forum. It decided that multi-stakeholder dialogues, involving the nine major groups identified in Agenda 21, were to be held at each session, beginning at the second session. It has been suggested that the multi-stakeholder dialogue of a session be focused on seeking multi-stakeholder perspectives on the specific agenda items of that session. For the fifth session, based on the consultations with major groups about the planning of the multi-stakeholder dialogue, the Bureau decided that agenda item 8, entitled "Multi-stakeholder dialogue", will be integrated into the plenary discussions of all agenda items including the high-level segment.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the multi-stakeholder dialogue (E/CN.18/2005/3) and addenda thereto, transmitting the discussion papers submitted by the various major groups

9. High-level ministerial segment and policy dialogue with heads of international organizations

The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2000/35, decided that the Forum should hold a high-level ministerial segment for two to three days, as required, which would also include a policy dialogue with the heads of organizations participating in the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, as well as other forest-related international and regional organizations, institutions and instruments. In accordance with the Forum's multi-year programme of work, the second high-level ministerial segment of the Forum will be held during its fifth session. Furthermore, under this agenda item, the Forum may wish to consider its response to the Council's request, as contained in its resolution 2004/44 of 22 July 2004, entitled "Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits", to contribute to the preparation of the input of the Council to the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the high-level ministerial segment and policy dialogue with heads of international organizations (E/CN.18/2005/__)

Report of the Secretary-General on the linkages between forests and the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration (E/CN.18/2005/__)

10. Other matters

The Forum may wish to consider any matters raised for discussion under this item.

11. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its fifth session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Forum shall submit to the Council a report on the work of its session.